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TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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E.O. 11652: XGDS

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SUBJECT: TALK WITH KING: VIET-NAM EQUIPMENT

REF: AMMAN 4279

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

1. YOU SHOULD TELL HIS MAJESTY THAT WE ARE VERY MUCH AWARE OF JORDAN'S INTEREST IN RECEIVING SOME OF THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT RECOVERED FROM VIET-NAM. IN ALL CANDOR, HOWEVER, WE MUST SAY THAT WE ARE NOW QUITE UNCERTAIN HOW MUCH EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING AIRCRAFT, MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR REDISTRIBUTION TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AS MILITARY ASSISTANCE (EITHER AS GRANT OR SALES). WE ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING WHETHER AND WHAT EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE. WE WILL THEN BE BETTER ABLE TO RESPOND TO THE KING'S INQUIRY. YOU SHOULD ASSURE THE KING THAT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE TO HIM. WE WILL THEN BE BETTER ABLE TO RESPOND TO THE KING'S INQUIRY. YOU SHOULD ASSURE THE KING THAT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE TO HIM.

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MENT MAY BE SO AVAILABLE BUT IT IS A COMPLEX PROCESS AND WILL TAKE SOME TIME. WHEN WE ARE FINALLY ABLE TO DETERMINE ACTUAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABILITIES WE WILL THEN BE BETTER ABLE TO RESPOND TO THE KING'S INQUIRY. YOU SHOULD ASSURE THE KING THAT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE TO HIM.

HIS MAJESTY THAT WE CONSIDER JORDAN'S NEEDS TO BE VERY
IMPORTANT AND WE WILL HAVE THEM VERY MUCH IN MIND.

2. FYI. A MAJOR PROBLEM IN ANY REDISTRIBUTION OF THIS
EQUIPMENT IS THAT THE TITLE TO MANY ITEMS RECOVERED FROM
VIET-NAM REMAINS WITH DOD. DOD'S CLAIM ON RECOVERED
EQUIPMENT INTRODUCES A MAJOR UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHAT MAY
BE FINALLY AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER COUNTRIES
AS WELL AS TO JORDAN. WE ARE THEREFORE RELUCTANT TO
PROMISE THE KING ANYTHING DEFINITE UNTIL THIS UNCERTAINTY
IS RESOLVED. END FYI. KISSINGER

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